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**In The Matter of Patent Application:**

In the Application of: Gino Colonico

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stagnation zone in an injection molding apparatus

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of Preliminary Amendment, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.